



KEITH FISKE VE3JQ SK

At the age of ninety-nine, Keith Fiske passed away at his home early in the morning on Sunday, April 1, 2012. Keith was born in Port Arthur, Ontario on August 23, 1912. He attended the Port Arthur Technical Institute where he excelled as a student in radio and electronic studies. As a young man, during the Depression, he worked on the James Whalen tugboat code to communicate with ships that job, he moved from Port young daughter to work on trips from Port Arthur on the the ice on Lake Superior during joyed his work on Slate Island ships and assisting them in bad Slate Island, Keith and his fam-of Timmins where he soon better 12 years, he transferred to technician looking after the rator. Following that job, Keith Toronto and area. Later he rewhere he continued his work as spector, retiring in 1955. Keith achievement and excellence in very proud of being a radio am-VE3JQ. Being a radio amateur was one of his greatest enjoyments in life. Keith was predeceased by his parents Martha Ellen and Robert Ernest Fiske and in 1979, his wife, Vera Fiske. He is survived by his daughter, Dolores Fiske, his good friend Sharon Gallant and his two loving cats Joey and Reggie. Also surviving are his nieces Pat Pringle, Pat Rouillard, Annmargaret Engberg, Joan Cameron and Sharon Connery (Orillia, ON) and one nephew Dennis Clark (Strathroy, ON). The well attended funeral was held at Sargent & Sons on Thursday April 5th. As befitting one of the founding members and Senator of the LARC, the family insisted that all the pallbearers be amateur radio operators.



Keith VE3JQ (right) picking a winner at the 2007 annual dinner with Bob VE3RVA

using a "spark" radio and on Lake Superior. Following Arthur with his wife and Slate Island making several James Whalen as it broke up each spring and fall. He encommunicating with the weather. After his time on ily moved to an airport north came Officer in Charge. Afthe Toronto airport as a radio dios in the Toronto airport became a radio inspector for turned to the Lakehead a radio technician and inhas several certificates of both radio and code. He was ateur and of his call letters

Annual Dinner Meeting

is this Thursday, April 12 at 6 pm at Chicago Joe`s at the Victoria Inn.

Guest speaker Ralph Scharf speaking about how Nunavut was formed, and Inuit artefacts.

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Tuesday 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM (usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)**pl 100**

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

What's In A Name?

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club General Meeting Minutes

Some of the old timers may recall that many years ago, the name of our club bulletin was "HIGH-Q", and not "HI-Q". This changed with the start of a new bulletin editor in November 1977. The immediate prior editors, Bill VE3EEW, Phil VE3AXL and Bill VE3EFC (original calls) had no trouble maintaining the traditional title.

The new editor took it upon himself to unilaterally start changing the title and ease the burden of typing those extra 2 letters. After all making those ancient Gestetner stencils was not an easy chore. The old title page stencils were still used on very rare occasions, probably to use up the old pre-printed title pages on hand.

In 1981, Bill Unger, (still VE3EFC) regained editorship, and still used "HI-Q" on the cover, but "HIGH-Q" on all inside pages. This practise continued until April 1983 when new editor Arnold VE3JAA made new cover pages for "HIGH-Q".

But wait there is more.

In November 1984, with new blue title pages, "HI-Q" returned under co-editors Gary VE3NNR and Gary VE3HJS, and has been so called until now....I think.

With apologies for the years of confusion.

The lazy editor of Hi-Q (or HIGH-Q) 1977-1981

Mike Wolowich VE3HZW

P.S.

With fond memories of Frank Stark (the original VE3-AJ), the only LARC club member who many years ago asked during a club meeting at the old EMO building..... "when did the club change the name of our bulletin?"

Thanks for the history lesson Mike! ~ ed

Date: March 8th 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.

1. Guest Speaker: Lori Bedford VE3VAI

2. Treasurer's Report: Paul Curtin VA3PDC

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP the motion was seconded by George Dow VE3DOW. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Meeting Minutes: Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD

A motion to accept the Meeting Minutes was made by Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD the motion was seconded by Doug McCormack VE3EFC. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Service: Norm Bell VE3XRC

Norm would like thank all the volunteers that participated in the Sibley ski tour and announced that the volunteer appreciation day will be Sunday March 11th 2012 between one and three PM at The Keg.

5. CANWARN: John Sacek VE3JMS

John was unable to attend. He sent an email sending his regrets and stated that there was nothing to report.

6. Repeater News: Terry Stewardson VA3LU

a.) Both VE3YQT and VE3TBR are reported to be up and working without problems. Karl Hamilton VE3RRP stated that when he is holding nets on VE3TBR via UHF that there is excellent coverage and reliability

b.) Upsala: The repeater is reported to be working however there is a 60hz hum from the Atikokan side. This issue is known and a rectification is in the works.

7. RAC Report: Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill is in Italy.

8. ARES: Brad Harris VE3MXJ

Brad says that there is nothing to report.

9. Hymers Fair 100th anniversary: Bob Hansen VE3RVA

Bob reports that the call sign has been applied for.

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX made a motion to approve a \$500 budget Karl Hamilton VE3RRP seconds the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

10. New Business:

George Dow VE3DOW made a motion to remove the auto patch from VE3YQT repeater. The motion was amended to be put onto the agenda to be voted on at a later date with one month notice in Hi Q. This motion was seconded by Fort Michelizzi VE3MCZ. The motion Passed with a majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM

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Thursday, April 12***

6 pm

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April 18 Is World Amateur Radio Day

The year 2012 marks the 87th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). To mark this occasion, the IARU and its more than 160 Member-Societies will celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on April 18. For many years, the IARU has declared a theme for each World Amateur Radio Day. The theme for 2012 is Amateur Radio Satellites: Celebrating 50 Years in Space in remembrance of the launch of OSCAR 1 on December 12, 1961 and the launch of OSCAR 2 on June 2, 1962.

Stations On-the-Air for World Amateur Radio Day

As of April 9, the following IARU Member-Societies plan to be on-the-air for World Amateur Radio Day:

6H6IARU by the Federación Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores (FMRE) who has commissioned this

operation to Grupo DXXE. This station will be active from April 13-18 in all modes and bands. QSL via LoTW and N7RO, direct or bureau. Daily logs uploads will be available in ClubLog.

3G87IARU by the Radio Club de Chile (RCCH). This station will be active throughout the month of April. QSL via CE3AA.

LZ1WARD by the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (BFRA) will also will be active throughout the month of April. QSL via bureau.

EL2RL by the Liberia Radio Amateur Association (LRAA) will be active on April 18, on 10, 15, 17 and 20 meters. Direct QSL to EL2BA.

HB9WARD by Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellen-Amateure (USKA) will be active on April 18. This first-time call sign will be on the air by HB9JOE and a group of radio amateurs from Bern. QSL via HB9JOE.

CR6IARU by the Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) will be active from April 13-19. Please QSL via bureau to CT1REP.

The following stations will also be active on World Amateur Radio Day:

HF87WARD by members of the Polish Amateur Radio Club Flora Fauna (SP-CFF). This station will be active from April 17-30. QSL via eQSL.cc and WFF LogSerach. For those who want to send card direct, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Polish Club Flora & Fauna, Suchacz, Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland. The club is offering an award for this operation. Please click here for more information.

KP4FD by the Puerto Rico Field Day Group will be active on April 18. QSL via their callbook address. Coordinator: Angel Santana, WP3GW.



VE3AVS Station Sale

The following items are available for sale by bid by Dave Kimpton VE3AVS via **email only** to mcferran@tbaytel.net Bids will be finalized **May 1st** and the terms are cash or certified cheques only. The successful bidder is responsible for removing the items. Items must be removed by May 15th or the bid will be rejected. The tower must be removed down to the concrete base but special consideration may be given to extending the removal date. You may bid on single items or all items as a single group. To view please contact Dave at mcferran@tbaytel.net



4) Kenwood TS440S HF Transceiver with manual



5) JRC NRD525 receiver 100Khz to 30 Mhz with manual



1) Icom IC-970A Multimode/multiband VHF/UHF transceiver 144/440 Mhz/1.2 Ghz with manual



6) MFJ 817C vhf/uhf wattmeter



7) Astron RS35M 35 amp power supply



2) Yaesu FT1802 2 meter mobile with antenna and manual



3) Icom IC-7100 receiver 25 Mhz to 2 Ghz with manual

8) 64 Foot Delhi self supporting tower with rotator

9) VHF 17 foot "Long John" 2 meter antenna (cw band)

10) VHF 14 foot antenna (fm band)

11) Commercial G5RV 80 - 10 meter "V" antenna

Items may come with miscellaneous coax or rotor cables.

Please note the pictures are stock photos and the actual item may be slightly different.~ ed

North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for April, 2012



First I want to remind you of the Ontario QSO party that is coming up this month on April 21 and 22. For complete details check out the Contest Club of Ontario's web site located here, <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/index.htm> VA3RAC will be operating portable from Manitoulin Island, so give a listen for them as well.

We are also coming into Hamfest season and two coming up in Ontario are the 16th Annual Iroquois Hamfest on April 7th and the Smiths Falls Fleamarket on May 12th. Further information is available in the current TCA in the Coming Events section.

Recently the Board of Directors has created a new position of "Deputy Director". The job of the Deputy Director is to assist and advise the Director, and unlike the Assistant Directors can vote at Board meetings if the Director is not there. I am hoping to fill the position of Deputy Director for North /East Ontario Region. If you are interested in further information please don't hesitate to contact me. I will also be contacting various presidents in Eastern Ontario for their thoughts on this, so expect a phone call sometime in the future.

The Field organisation in Ontario has recently been changed from one SM to four. We are always looking for people to fill in positions under the SM in the various jobs. Please give it a thought.

Finally, Mitch, VE6OH and his group is organising a major Hamfest on the weekend of August 11th and 12th. It is shaping up to be a pretty impressive looking weekend. Could this turn into Dayton North? You may want to mark your calendar for this one.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada

RAC Convention

10,11,12 in Edmonton Alberta

<http://convention2012.rac.ca/>

A.R.A.C. Hamfest,

Saturday May 5th 2012

9:00am – 2:00pm Admission: \$7

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ARAC HAMFEST 2012

FLYER<<http://thearac.org/hamfest%20flier12.pdf>>

April 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	2 m LARC ARES Net every Tues- day at 7 pm		No meeting at Con Col- lege this month			1
2	3	4	5	6 <small>Good Friday</small>	7	8 <small>Easter Sunday</small>
9	10	11	12 LARC ANNUAL DINNER 6 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		More net info on page two				NWO ARES Net every day at 2015